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IMAGE MATCHING METHOD, AND IMAGE MATCHING PROGRAM

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1. United States Patent No. 6,002,782, issued December 14, 1999.
2. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0020946, published September 13, 2001.
3. European Patent Application Publication No. 1 143 375, published October 10, 2001.

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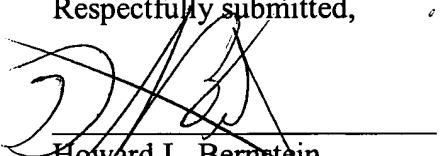
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